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SR 103
REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY
OF CONVERTING THE WETLANDS OF THE PEARL HARBOR AREA, OAHU,
INTO AN AGRICULTURAL PARK

Statement for
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Agriculture
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SR 103 would request the DLNR to submit a report on the feasibility of converting the wetlands of the Pearl Harbor area into an agricultural park. This statement does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

It should be noted that portions of the Pearl Harbor wetlands are at present being used for watercress production. Additional agricultural use, of the type proposed in SR 103, will probably have little or no adverse effect on wetland character and may actually enhance it, if carried out carefully. However, attention should be given to the effect of the agricultural use on wildlife, particularly on birds and bird habitats. For this reason, it would be extremely desirable that the DLNR conduct the requested study with input from the Fish and Wildlife Service.